



# THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

## CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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### BUDGET PREPARATION/WORKSHOP

This coming **Monday, September 26, 2011, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Forum** here at City Hall, the City Council will hold its first budget related [workshop](#). The purpose for the meeting will be a discussion with both the Police and Fire Chiefs regarding their plans for manpower utilization and service delivery as it currently exists, compared with their plans beginning January 1, 2012 if budget reductions included in next year's proposed budget are implemented.

The Workshop actually predates presentation of the budget, which includes a number of appropriation reductions impacting all departments and divisions included in the General Fund budget. The budget will be posted (published) on the City's website on Wednesday afternoon, September 28, and will be officially presented to Council and the community the following Monday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. during the regular City Council meeting. It is anticipated that because of the number of proposed expenditure reductions included in this years proposed budget, that City Council will be scheduling numerous workshops to thoroughly review all elements of the budget document. There will also be a formal public hearing on the budget held in conjunction with the Council's regular meeting on Monday, October 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Forum.

### ROCK COUNTY PRESCRIPTION DRUG ROUND UP

Just a reminder that on **Saturday, September 24, 2011**, Rock County will hold a special prescription and outdated drug collection at three locations in Rock County, including the Beloit Public Works Operations Facility on Springbrook Court. The event will run from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Also, please remember that a prescription drug drop box is located in the lobby of the Beloit Police Department, 100 State Street. It is available 24-hours a day for disposal of expired or unwanted prescription drugs and over the counter drugs, including old pills, vet/pet drugs and medical patches/creams.

### RESIDENTIAL ELECTRONIC ROUND UP

The City of Beloit, Town of Beloit, Town of Turtle and URT are sponsoring a Free Residential Electronic Round Up on **Saturday, September 24, 2011**. Items will be accepted at the Department of Public Works Operations Facility, 2351 Springbrook Ct. from 9:00 to Noon on that day. Please see [attached](#) for more information.

### CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

All of the concrete streets in downtown were fully paved this past week; however, there is still some remaining structural work and restoration to be completed. Fresh concrete

will, of course, have to cure before the streets can be reopened for traffic. The street work will then be concluded in the downtown area for this year.

We also want to remind residents about alternatives to the Henry Avenue Bridge detour. The City's Engineering Division has been monitoring traffic flows and has made some modifications to the signaling at various intersections around the Portland Avenue Bridge. Our residents positioned to utilize either the downtown bridges or the County Hwy. Q bridge can help mitigate congestion and are urged to consider those alternative river crossing points.

## **MANAGER ATTENDS INTERNATIONAL CITY/COUNTY MANAGER'S CONFERENCE IN MILWAUKEE**

As noted in last week's Report, I was able to attend the International City/County Management Association annual conference this week for the first time in two years because the conference was held in Milwaukee. Along with a number of colleagues, I served on the host committee and worked as a volunteer during the conference. Over a period of four days, I attended virtually every session I could related to public finance and budgeting, with what's often referred to as "the new normal" in times of shrinking revenues and increasing expenses. Unfortunately, none of the speakers had that magic bullet that allowed us to simply and easily balance budgets in today's economy. In fact, one of the last sessions I attended on Wednesday morning, the speaker began his presentation by stating that his session was focused on providing a model for how cities cut their budgets. There was no magic bullet that would suddenly produce some unknown revenue to avoid the problem altogether.

The conference showcased both the City of Milwaukee and the State of Wisconsin extremely well to attendees. While most were from the United States, there were also international visitors from several countries around the world in attendance, as well.

## **MEETING WITH JANESVILLE OFFICIALS**

We did have our half day meeting on Friday morning with the management team from the City of Janesville to explore similarities in service provision and opportunities for shared service delivery or joint contracting that could save money for both communities.

Both Janesville City Manager Eric Levitt and I were extremely pleased with the session. Some 40 staff representing five major service delivery categories were in attendance and participated. Each group had a 90 minute break out session, which was used to not only review current collaborations and mutual aid agreements, but also discuss or brainstorm other areas where shared service delivery might produce savings. We were very pleased with many of the ideas that came up during this session and will be immediately exploring several timely thoughts for shared savings. I was particularly surprised to hear the significant number of joint purchasing opportunities we discovered, even after acknowledgement that most major purchases by both cities are run through the State of Wisconsin's cooperative procurement program. Staff from several of the teams will be following up with additional meetings to further explore those potential savings through joint procurement.

We will be writing a more detailed report outlining the results of our discussions at this session and anticipate sharing that at a follow up joint meeting of both City Councils, which will likely be scheduled later this fall as time permits. In the interim, we have again asked staff to continue to work on several of the initiatives identified during the meeting.

## CITY MEETING CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 26-30 , 2011

Monday, Sept. 26	Cancelled	<a href="#">Traffic Review Committee</a> (E. Newnham)
Monday, Sept. 26	5:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Police and Fire Commission</a> , City Manager's Conf. Room
Monday, Sept. 26	5:30 p.m.	<a href="#">City Council Workshop</a> , Forum (All Councilors)
Wed., Sept. 28	4:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Community Development Authority</a> , Forum (D. Luebke and J. Van De Bogart)

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

*This is just a sample of events coming up in Beloit. A more complete listing is available on the Visit Beloit website:*  
[www.visitbeloit.com](http://www.visitbeloit.com)

Beloit Public Library offers many events for youth, teens and adults. Please click [\[here\]](#) for more information.

Saturday's through Oct. 29		<b>Downtown Beloit Farmer's Market</b> , 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. State and Grand. Over 100 vendors participating.
Sept. 23 and 24		7th Annual <b>Angel Museum Rummage Sale</b> , Wright Elementary School, 1033 Woodard Ave., Beloit. See <a href="#">attached</a> for more information.
Saturday, Sept. 24	9:00—Noon	<b>Residential Electronic Round Up</b> , DPW Operations Facility, 2351 Springbrook Ct. Sponsored by the City of Beloit, Town of Beloit, Town of Turtle and URT. For a list of items accepted, please click <a href="#">[here]</a> .
Saturday, Sept. 24	9:00—1:00 pm	<b>Rock County RX Round-Up</b> , Beloit Department of Public Works, 2400 Springbrook Court. Open only to Rock County residents, businesses excluded. For more information, <a href="http://www.co.rock.wi.us">www.co.rock.wi.us</a>
October 1 & 2	10:00—4:00 p.m.	<b>Beckman Mill's Pioneer Encampment</b> . Local historical re-enactors will depict a primitive settlement in Beckman Mill Park. Please see <a href="http://www.beckmanmill.org/">www.beckmanmill.org/</a> for more information.
Tuesday, Oct. 4	10:00—2:30 p.m.	<b>Beloit Senior Fair</b> , Central Christian Church, 2460 Milwaukee Road. Over 60 exhibits, door prizes, flu and pneumonia shots and more. Free bus rides by Beloit Transit. For more information, contact the Beloit Senior Center, 364-2875.
Saturday, Oct. 29	9:30 a.m.	<b>Downtown Beloit Halloween Parade</b> . Meet at Horace White Park at 9:45 a.m. to line up for the parade down Grand Avenue.



Beloit City Council  
100 State Street  
Beloit, WI 53511

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Beloit City Council will hold a Workshop on Monday, September 26, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. in The Forum on the first floor of City Hall, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511, to discuss **Police and Fire Operations and Force Deployment** with regard to the 2012 General Fund Operating Budget.

Larry N. Arft, City Manager

Dated: September 21, 2011  
Rebecca S. Houseman  
City Clerk  
<http://www.ci.beloit.wi.us>

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

For more information contact:  
Jan Pinnow, Solid Waste Supervisor  
(608) 364-2929 Ext.7009

**Electronics Recycling Collection**

**September 20, 2011** – The City of Beloit is hosting a free residential electronics round up on Saturday, September 24, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Department of Public Works facility located at 2351 Springbrook Court.

The Recycling Drop Off Center at 2351 Springbrook Court will be closed Saturday, September 24, to accommodate for equipment and staffing needs at the electronics round up.

For more information, call the City of Beloit Public Works Operations Division at (608) 364-2929.



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## NOTICE OF MEETING CANCELLATION

**To:** All Traffic Review Committee Members and Other Interested Parties

**From:** Jason Dupuis, Transportation / Project Engineer

**Date:** September 16, 2011

**RE:** Meeting Cancellation

The Traffic Review Committee meeting which was scheduled for Monday, September 26, 2011 has been cancelled. At this time, there are not enough agenda items for a meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled to be held on October 24, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

Please feel free to contact me at 364-6735 if you have any questions.

Jason Dupuis, P.E.  
Transportation Engineer  
City of Beloit



**Police and Fire Commission  
Meeting Notice and Agenda  
Monday, September 26, 2011 @ 5:00 PM  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor Manager's Conference Room  
Beloit WI 53511**

The monthly meeting of the Police and Fire Commission is scheduled. **If you are unable to attend, please notify Joe Simpson at 364-6685.**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and roll call
2. Approval of July 25, 2011 meeting minutes
3. Reports
  - A. Police Department
  - B. Fire Department
    - Letters of Appreciation
    - 9/11 Activity
    - Honor Guard Competition
    - Training Schedule
    - Recruiting Update
4. Citizen Participation
5. Commissioner Comments
6. Action/Discussion Items
  - a. Review and Consideration of an Amendment to the Rules and Regulations of the Police and Fire Commission regarding employment procedures.
  - b. Commission will adjourn to closed session in accordance with WI State Statutes 19.85(1)(b) to discuss Police personnel matters.
  - c. In accordance with WI State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) review fire evaluation and promotional recommendation for Deputy Fire Chief.
7. Reconvene to Open Session.

8. Approve appointment of one Deputy Fire Chief.
9. Adjourn.

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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA  
Community Development Authority  
September 28, 2011 at 4:30 pm  
The Forum, Beloit City Hall  
100 State Street**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meetings held on August 10, 2011
3. Citizen Participation
4. Housing Authority
  - a. Presentation of July Activity Report (Pollard)
  - b. Presentation of July Financial Report (Pollard)
  - c. Presentation of the August Activity Report (Pollard)
  - d. Presentation of the August Financial Report (Pollard)
  - e. Review of the Beloit Housing Authority Acceptance of the FY2011 CFP Grant (Pollard)
  - f. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2011-33, Approval of the 2012 Beloit Housing Authority Public Housing, Section 8, and Administrative Budgets (Pollard)
  - g. Review of the Beloit Housing Authority 2012 Annual Public Housing Authority Plan and the Five Year Plan (Pollard)
  - h. Resolution 2001-40, Authorizing the CDA to Apply for Financing from Forward Community Investments, Inc. (Pollard)
5. Community Development
  - a. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2011-35, Authorizing the Community Development Authority to Accept the Donation of 709 Roosevelt Avenue from Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. (Clippert)
  - b. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2011-36, Recommending Approval of the 2012 Annual Action Plan (Downing)

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- c. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2011-37, Recommending Approval of the 2012 Community Development Block Grant Budget (Downing)
  - d. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2011-38, Recommending Approval of the 2012 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Budget (Christensen)
  - e. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2011-39, Recommending Approval of an Amendment to the 2010 and 2011 HOME Budgets for Neighborhood Housing Services of Beloit (Christensen)
6. Adjournment

*If you are unable to attend this meeting, notify Delphine Cobb in the Housing Authority Office at 364-8740 **no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.***

Notice Mailed: September 23, 2011

Approved: Julie Christensen  
Executive Director



7<sup>th</sup> Annual

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Community Wide

# Rummage

# Sale!

**Saturday, September 24th**

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

FREE ADMISSION

**Sneak Peak**

**Friday, September 23rd**

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

\$2 ADMISSION

Located in the Gym at Wright Elementary School, 1033 Woodward Ave.

(please use the gym door entrance, parking on playground is permitted)

Donation drop-off: Saturdays & Sundays in September 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

For more information, or to have items picked up, please contact Bev Melton at

608-364-4667



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## FREE RESIDENTIAL ELECTRONIC ROUND UP

Department of Public Works Operations Facility  
2351 Springbrook Ct.  
364-2929

Saturday, September 24, 2011  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**FREE!!**

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**Sponsored by The City of Beloit, Town of Beloit, Town of Turtle and URT**

### Items accepted:

- CPU(Tower)
  - Monitor
  - Printer
- Laptop Computer
  - Scanner
  - Photocopier
  - Zip Drive
- Keyboard, Mouse & Speakers
  - Televisions
  - Fax Machines
  - DVD Players
    - VCR's
  - Digital Cameras
  - Cell Phones
    - IPODS
  - Ink Cartridges

**FREE!**

*In accordance with Wisconsin Statute 287.17(1), effective September 1, 2010, electronics are banned from being disposed of in landfills.*

*Effective September 1, 2010 the City of Beloit will no longer collect the items listed above curbside with your trash collection.*